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(SBU) During a meeting October 5, EUR DAS Judy Garber and Emboff presented reftel points regarding the WIREC 2008 conference to Matej Marn, Head of the Division for European Affairs at the Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Marn thanked us for bringing the issue to his attention. He stated that he was aware that the dates for the March 2008 WIREC conference overlap with the planned EU Council of Ministers meeting that will take place in Slovenia. Marn expressed doubt that any Slovene minister would be able to travel to the U.S. for the conference. He explained that the EU calendar of events is officially closed and that it is very difficult to move or change anything at this time. Marn agreed that a dialogue on renewable energy is very important and hoped that there would be future opportunities for discussion.

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